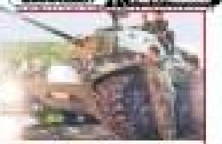
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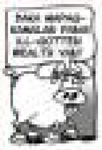
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'Imeldific' look not cool at DepEd, says Lapus



By Alcuin Papa

"IMELDIFIC" IS NOT COOL at the Department of Education (DepEd).

Education Secretary Jesli Lapus has banned the ostentatious display of jewelry, among other

IMELDIFIC/A3

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Supertyphoon feared; C. Luzon threatened

By Norman Bordadora

A TROPICAL STORM WITH THE MAKINGS OF another supertyphoon—and possibly more powerful than the destructive "Milenyo"—entered the Philippine area of responsibility yesterday and weathermen said it could hit Central Luzon and Metro Manila.

Called "Reming" (international name: Durian),

SUPERTYPHOON/A11

House to Cha-cha alone

GMA allies to force Con-ass next week

By Christine O. Avendaño and Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

PRESIDENT MACAPAGAL-ARROYO's allies in the House of Representatives are considering convening as early as next week a constituent assembly (Con-ass) that would deliberate on and approve proposals to amend the Constitution preparatory to a shift to a one-chamber parliamentary system of government.

According to a source privy to the Palace-House campaign to push for Con-ass before Congress takes its holiday break on Dec. 22, the plan is to hold a plebiscite before the Feb. 12 deadline for the filing of certificates of candidacies for next year's elections.

The source said the [illegible] that it would

HOUSE/A6



A WOMAN is rushed to a hospital after inhaling noxious fumes from chemical wastes dumped by a truck in Marilao, Bulacan, before dawn on Tuesday. Some 1,200 residents of Barangay Prenza II were affected and at least 60 people, including children, were hospitalized.

Toxic waste dumped in Bulacan; 60 hospitalized

By Carmela Reyes
Inquirer Central Luzon

MARILAO, BULACAN—FARMER CARLOS Clemente, 67, was awakened at 2 a.m. Tuesday by the rumbling of a truck leaving his farm. Minutes later, he and other residents of Barangay Prenza II and nearby villages were assailed by the stench of a chemical the truck had dumped in the area.

Some of them vomited, others almost fainted.

Before the morning was over, 60 people had been hospitalized, stricken with dizziness, nausea and chest pains, hundreds of others had fled their homes—and the driver of the 10-wheeler tanker and his two helpers were in police custody.

The village had fallen victim to what environmental experts suspected was a case of dumping of toxic chemical substances into an irrigation canal.

At least 20 of those hospitalized were children.

"It smelled awful," Merlyn Aguilar, a local resident taken to a medical clinic, told a television station. "My nape ached, my chest hurt, then I suddenly collapsed."

Benjamin Jacinto, head of a local rescue team, said: "The smell was so unbearable, we couldn't sleep. Our neighbors rushed out and had to flee the area."

The noxious stench forced about 1,200 people to flee the village of 3,000, officials said.

Villagers, their noses covered with handkerchiefs and some carrying infants bundled in blankets, fled their homes before dawn.

What seemed like an oil slick stretched for about 10 km from the irrigation canal where it was dumped, he said.

Police identified the tanker's driver as Lope Reyes, 28, and his helpers as Allan Torres, 27, and Jose Arnaldo, 71.

Police said the tanker was owned by Evelyn Tiaman of San Jose del Monte City.

Reyes said his team picked up the chemicals from Plasti Met Manufacturing in Valenzuela City at 6 p.m. on Monday. The firm produces plastic products.

The driver said his team was instruc-

TOXIC WASTE/A12

₱1.85B cut from DSWD '07 budget

By TJ Burgonio and Juliet Labog-Javellana

THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE YESterday stood pat on its decision to delete ₱1.85 billion from the proposed 2007 budget of the Department of Social Welfare and Development on the ground that this could be used by administration candidates to distribute rice to win votes in the May 2007 elections.

The amount was originally allocated for the DSWD's Food for School Program in which a daily ration of rice is distributed to young learners from poor families at day care centers.

"In an election year, with ₱1 billion for a rice distribution program, it's not difficult to conclude that a good portion of this rice distribution would be used for politics, and the day care centers will now be used as the distribu-

P1.85B CUT/A6

1.3M in Metro Manila groan as they go waterless

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao and Christine A. Gaylican

THE MORNING RITUALS OF VINCENT Valley of Project 7, Quezon City, were rudely interrupted on Saturday morning when no water came out of his upstairs bathroom faucet.

He went downstairs to wash his face at the ground floor's sink, thinking that it was just a case of low water pressure. But his cousins in the other houses in the family compound said that they had no water either.

That was when they started to panic for they had no water saved in containers, except for the few bottles of drinking water in the refrigerator.

Valley solved his problem by heading to his sister's house in another part of Quezon City to take a bath. Two of his cousins went with him.

They were among the 1.34 million residents in some parts of Manila, Caloocan, Valenzuela, Parañaque, Las Piñas and Quezon cities—areas served by Maynilad Water Services Inc.—who were affected by unannounced water service interruptions over the weekend.

More than half a million residents of Metro Manila will continue to suffer water service interruptions until June next year because the water level in Angat Dam is expected to go down as a result of the El Niño phenomenon, according to Maynilad.

Angat Dam supplies 97 percent of the water in Metro Manila, a city of some 12 million.

Valley's neighbors had to take a tricycle and join the long queue at the artesian well to get their water supply.

Sunday morning saw them all rushing toward a tanker rented by Maynilad, which distributed water

1.3M IN METRO/A12

110 experts say no to use of dispersants

By Blanche S. Rivera

ILOILO CITY—THE PHILIPPINES' NATIONAL Oil Spill Contingency Plan requires "major innovations" to address adequately future massive oil spills, scientists and environmental experts said.

Some 110 experts who gathered here for the Scientific Conference on Guimaras yesterday agreed that one major change necessary was to disallow the use of chemical dispersants as an immediate response to an oil spill.

Jose Lorenzo Tan, president of the local branch of the Swiss-based World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF-Philippines), said one of the suggestions in the conference was to re-

EXPERTS/A6





'BYE MOBY A dead sperm whale was found beached on the shore of Sitio Bagacayan, Barangay Lohong in Bagay, Camarines Sur on Sept. 28. Commonly mistaken for a "butanding" or whale shark, which is the largest living fish, the sperm whale is a cetacean mammal, like the dolphin and porpoise.

Humpbacks have 'human' brain cell

WASHINGTON—HUMPBACK whales have a type of brain cell found only in humans, the great apes and other cetaceans such as dolphins, US researchers reported on Monday.

This might mean such whales are more intelligent than they have been given credit for, and suggests the basis for complex brains either evolved more than once or had gone unused by most species of animals, the researchers said.

The finding may help explain some of the behaviors seen in whales, such as intricate communication skills, the formation of

HUMPBACKS/A11

WEATHER FORECAST

Ex-admiral named NTC head



MAX IS HOME: Flanked by daughter Sara and Airlines security chief Gen. Andres Caro II, Max Soliven's widow Preciosa carries his ashes upon arrival yesterday.

Max Soliven's remains arrive

By Nikko Dizon

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

THE APPOINTMENT OF A RETIRED Rear Admiral as head of the National Telecommunications Commission is the latest in a growing line of former military men given cushy posts in the Arroyo administration.

Militarized department

Courtesy resignations



Shabu 'tiangge' operator wants to join Atong in jail

By Armand N. Nocum

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House ethics probe to go on

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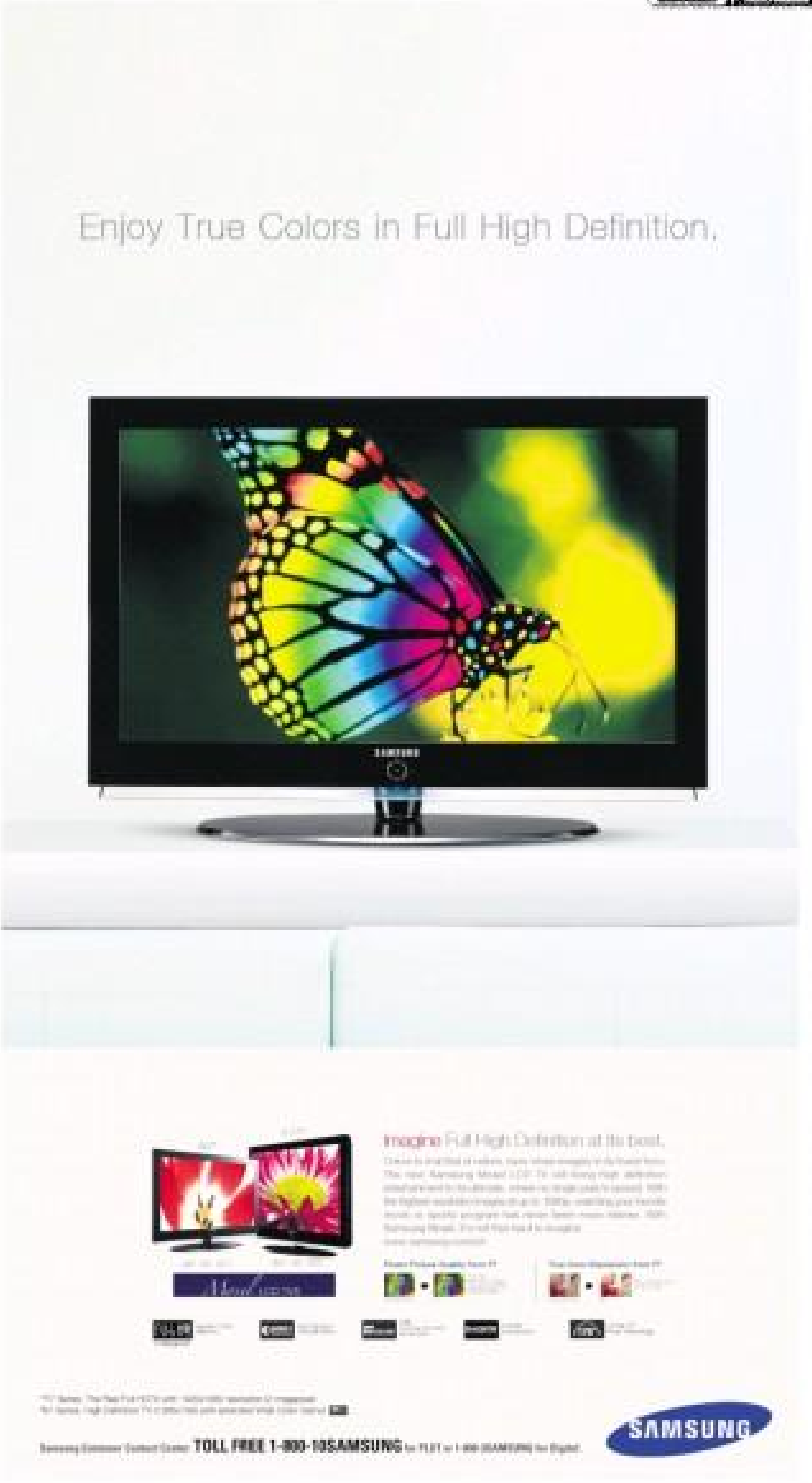
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Drilon seeks full health disclosure by GMA, Cabinet

By Juliet Labog-Javellana

Stop the casino, bishop asks GMA

By Christian V. Esguerra





House to Cha-cha alone

Palace allies want May 10 polls postponed

By Michael Lim Ubac

Make or break

Forcing Senate's hand

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Biggest obstacle

Cruz's advice: Keep eye on P11.5-B DND budget for equipment, housing

By Dona Pazzibugan

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Double-hulled vessels

Humpbacks have 'human' brain cell, say researchers

Brain size, intelligence

Complex social patterns

Humpback whales 'sing'



A HUMPBACK whale does a back flip in this photo taken off the coast of Bogota, Colombia.

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What's in, what's out

Vendors shunning coins, says BSP



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5 Paco school alumni honored

Loren to voters: Be vigilant in '07 polls

By Cynthia D. Balana

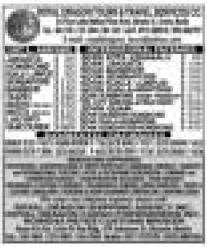
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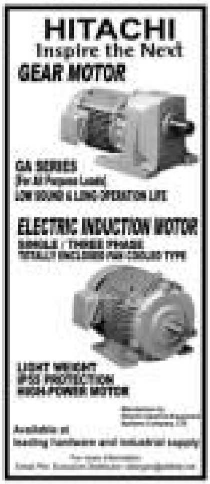


















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Free water

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Napocor blamed

Pampanga River



Toxic waste

Driver's story

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Time to build its power

Second strike









THE TOXIC atmosphere is too much for both young boys and grown men.

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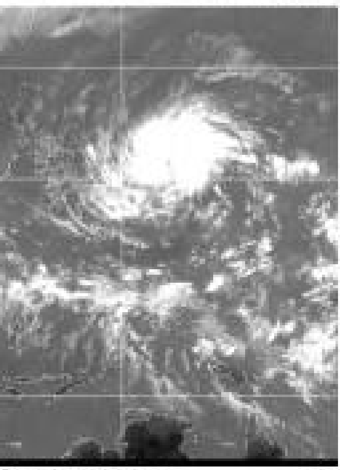
Doctors from UP, PGH

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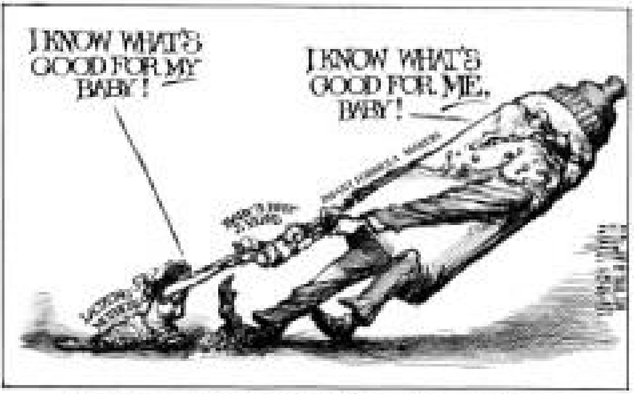


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Be scared, be very scared

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So the public may know the truth

Hypertension control and affordable medicines

A sincere corporate commitment, not marketing scheme, a strong partnership with the medical community and the patients' adherence to their treatment regimen can help control hypertension in our country.

Hypertension remains a prevalent problem in the Philippines and its complications like heart attack, stroke and kidney failure are a major contributory factor making it a leading cause of disability and death of many who are at the prime of their lives. Thousands of Filipinos die or are permanently disabled yearly because of hypertension-related complications.

There are an estimated 7 million hypertensive Filipinos and many heart experts lament that less than 10% are inadequately treated simply because many cannot afford their antihypertensive medications due to its high cost.

CONCERN FOR PATIENTS OR A MARKETING SCHEME?

Amlodipine besylate manufactured by Pfizer is the largest selling antihypertensive drug in the Philippines with sales of PhP 1.288 billion from August 2005 to September 2006, representing year-long purchase of approximately close to 26.6 million tablets at a cost of PhP 44.75 for 5mg and PhP 74.75 for 10mg per tablet.

Although Pfizer launched a patient program that provides a 50%-discount from its suggested retail price, only a specified and limited number of patients are able to avail of this discount. There is a perception that this is only a temporary marketing scheme to project Pfizer's Amlodipine as cheaper by 50%. This perception is also spawned by the fact that Pfizer made an unprecedented 20% price increase prior to implementing their discount program, in a preparatory move to roll out their discount scheme to shut off competition.

HISTORY OF NORVASC™ PRICE INCREASE

BEFORE AMVASC LAUNCH

FORMAT	NOV 05	MARCH 06	% INCREASE
NORVASC™ 5 MG	36.25	44.75	23%
NORVASC™ 10 MG	62.50	74.75	20%

PRICE COMPARISON: AMVASC VS NORVASC™

BRAND	PRICE	PRICE DIFFERENCE
NORVASC™ 5 MG	44.75	60%
AMVASC™ 5 MG	17.50	

Is Pfizer's discount program just a clever marketing scheme to preempt the introduction of the new brand AMVASC which is 60% less in retail price?

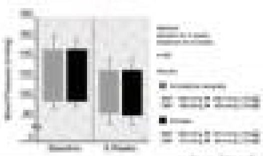
If Pfizer is sincere in its desire to bring down the cost of amlodipine so as to benefit a greater number of patients permanently, A DIRECT AND ACTUAL PRICE ROLLBACK should have already been done by the company.

THE TRUTH ABOUT THE 2 AMLODIPINES

AMVASC (Amlodipine camsylate) is the latest antihypertensive being marketed by Therapharma, a division of Unilab. The company has long been advocating Pharmacoeconomics, which aims to deliver quality affordable cardiovascular and anti-diabetes medicines to all Filipinos.

Contrary to Pfizer's claims, AMVASC (amlodipine camsylate) has been shown in well-designed scientific studies to be just as effective, safe and well tolerated as amlodipine besylate.

Achieves Equivalent BP Lowering Effect





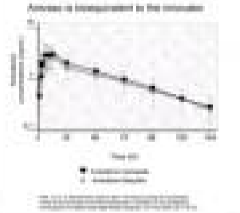
AMVASC has passed the stringent evaluation of our local Bureau of Food and Drugs (BFAD) and has been shown to be bioequivalent as amlodipine besylate, and hence, it is a pharmaceutical alternative to amlodipine besylate. It is also in concurrence with the international guidelines such as the US FDA, European Medicines Agency, and the ASEAN guidelines all of which state that a bioequivalence study is the widely accepted means of demonstrating therapeutic equivalence of two drugs.

Furthermore, the 20th edition of The Science and Practice of Pharmacy by Remington which is the standard textbook reference regarding salts used by pharmacy states that "the salts do not change the intrinsic properties of the active agent".

Both AMVASC and amlodipine besylate carry the same active ingredient which is amlodipine, but with different salts (camsylate and besylate, respectively) which have shown comparable degrees of chemical stability and safety. Therefore AMVASC and amlodipine besylate are deemed comparatively safe from the clinical standpoint.

The change of the salt therefore does not change the efficacy, safety and overall clinical value of amlodipine, but it changes the cost to make it (AMVASC) 60% more affordable than amlodipine besylate at its current official retail prices.

AMVASC Bioequivalence Data



PHYSICIANS STILL DECIDE THE BEST CARE

The Filipino physicians are in a better position to evaluate and decide whether AMVASC may be substituted for amlodipine besylate. The right of the Filipino patients, with the help of their physicians, to choose the best antihypertensive drug/s suited to their condition and finances must be respected.

Note: Amvasc and Norvasc™ are prescription products and should only be strictly taken upon doctor's advice.

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"May sa Pilipino, Galing sa Pilipino"

Execs seize 60,000 kg of smuggled China pork

Not rampant

High levels of arsenic found in farmers at mine spill site

BOAC, MARINDUQUE—Signs of arsenic poisoning, that is believed to be caused by a mine waste spill in this province 10 years ago, are starting to manifest in three farmers who came in close contact with sources of the deadly chemical element.



MINING is a challenge for participants in the 9th annual Small-Scale Mining Congress who show off their skills in Baguio City.

Contaminated rivers

IN THE KNOW

Computer firm officials say piracy rampant



Search for survivors of boat sinking ends



Plan to shower Baguio with snow from machines draws objections



Suspect in murder of Sarangani mayor surrenders to Army



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Mangroves fast disappearing in Dagupan City

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Envoy says US won't meddle in peace talks

INQUIRER Northern Luzon

Tribe joining mining industry

By Maurice Malanes
Baguio City

MANY CORDILLERA INdigenous folk are extra cautious about, if not repulsive to, mining. They often cite the 1996 Marcopper tailings dam spill that killed Marinduque's Boac River and almost a century of big mining operations in Benguet, which, they say, have left poisoned rivers, silted farmlands and mountains literally turned upside down.

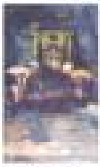


A MINER cools himself with a drink inside a mining tunnel.

Changing history

David among Goliaths

Programming extraction



MINERS from the Cordillera endure extreme temperatures every time they work 800 feet below sea level.



THE GALLANTRY of Capt. Colin Kelly is memorialized in a shrine built in his honor at Clark Field.

US aviation hero receives RP recognition

By Tonette Orejas
Clark Special Economic Zone

A PILOT REGARDED AS THE first aviation hero of the United States in World War II finally received recognition in the Philippines last week.

Good timing

Posthumous medal

Old 'cedulas' remind of foreign rule in Benguet

By Delmar Cariño
La Trinidad, Benguet

DROWNED AMID THE BEATS OF gongs and native chants at the Adivay festival are four cedulas and three certificates of large cattle ownership that reminded people of the animal trade in La Trinidad, Benguet, during the years that saw the country move from Spanish to American rule.



THE "Certificado de Propiedad de Ganado de Mayor" (Certificate of Large Cattle Ownership), issued on June 16, 1915, to Martin Aquino in Agoo, La Union, is among the documents on display inside an indigenous hut built at the Benguet State University grounds in La Trinidad, Benguet.

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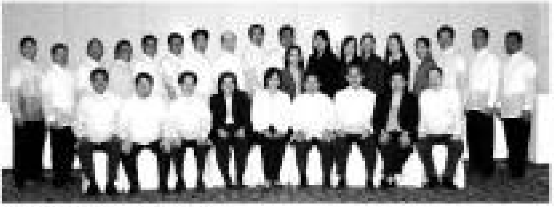
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POLICE WILL BE IMPLEMENTING A "NO PERMIT, no rally" policy at the Summit of Leaders of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations in Cebu next month to keep out militant groups which are planning to hold a series of rallies.



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4 Subic rape suspects host 'Thanksgiving'

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Thailand partially lifts martial law

BANGKOK—THAILAND'S MILITARY-INSTALLED GOVERNMENT said Tuesday that martial law will be lifted across half of the country, including Bangkok, in the first easing of restrictions since the September coup.

AFP

As Pope visits, Turkey torn between East and West



POPE Benedict XVI gestures as he leaves from Leonardo Da Vinci Airport, near Rome, Nov. 28 for his trip to Turkey.

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Games, RP athletes rushing to beat clock

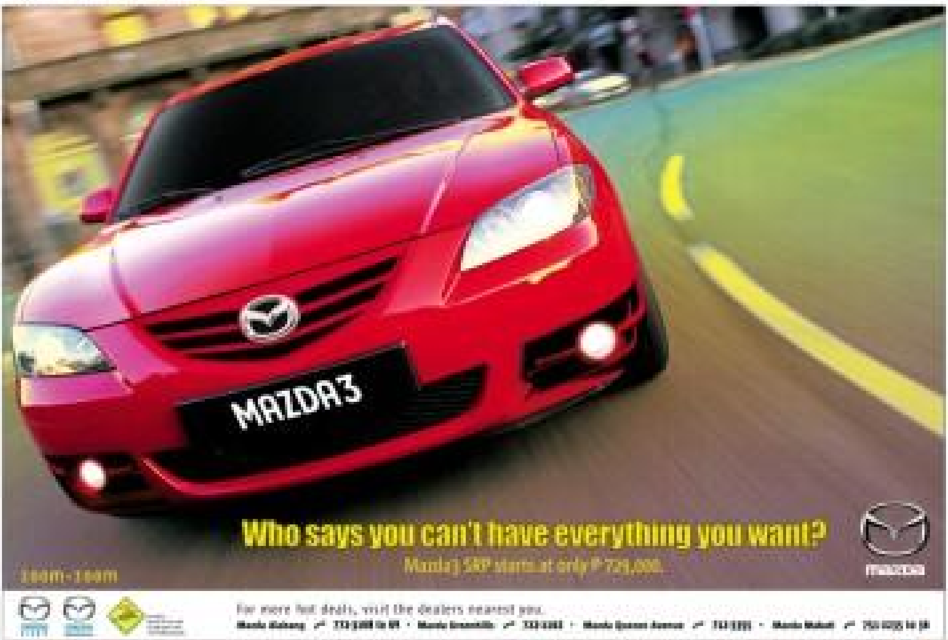
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Antonio to defend title

Winners join Rambulan



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SAN ANTONIO Spurs forward Tim Duncan (left) grabs a loose ball from Golden State Warriors' Jason Richardson during a scramble in their game in Oakland, California.

Heat raze 76ers

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De Luna takes over PSC helm

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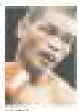
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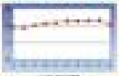
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Manufacturing output down 8.3%

Gov't urged to address infrastructure problem, rising cost of doing business

THE COUNTRY'S MANUFACTURING OUTPUT, IN TERMS OF VOLume, continued to decline in September, falling by 8.3 percent from year-ago level.

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(July 2006 Labor Force Survey, in millions)

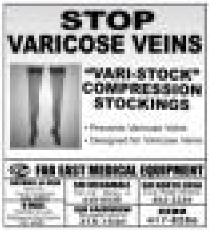


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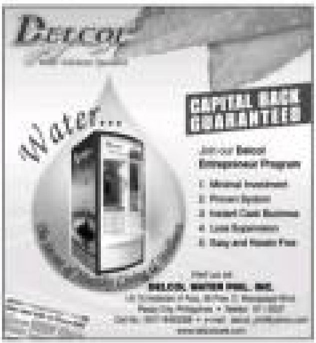


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IPO steps up campaign versus cable TV piracy

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Asian shares fall on US Christmas spending fears

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Pricier, newer cars expected to provide winning edge for 2006



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Only my second, maybe my third

MY DRIFT

Andre Palma





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THE 2007 Honda CR-V

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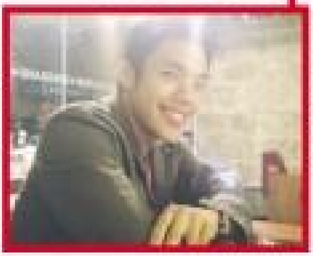


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Date with Joaquin



JOAQUIN Valdes of date-joaquin.com

Coffee-shop talk



THE AUTHOR and Joaquin at Barbara's

I found my match in Joaquin Valdes—as far as animated cartoons are concerned

Animated talk

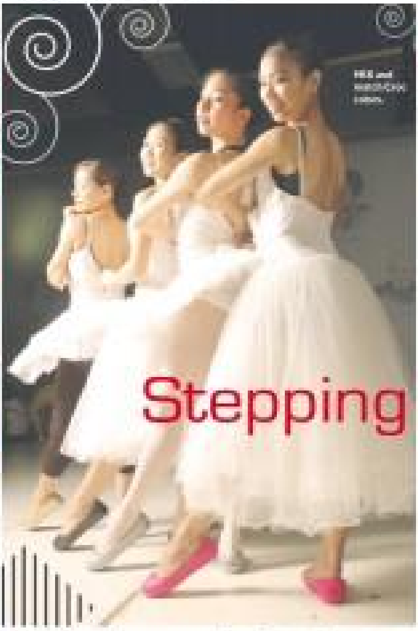
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WARMING up and goofing around in comfy Crocs



METALLIC Crocs are becoming early favorites.



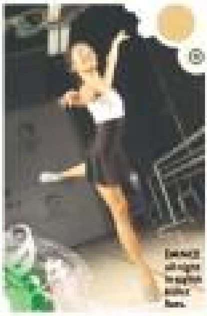


MATCH shoes with your best friend.

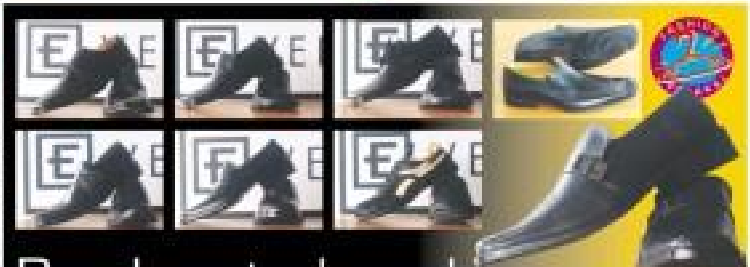
Stepping out

These comfortable ballet flats can be worn all day for walking, jumping, and yes, dancing

PICTURE THIS: YOU'RE walking around the mall, and you see an adorable pair of shoes in the window. They're calling out to you. You walk in, hypnotized, and ask the salesperson for your size. You slip them on, and admire your feet in the mirror. Then you stand up, take a step, and let out an involuntary screech of pain—the shoes are killing your feet. You hastily step out of the torturous footwear and go back to the comfort of your trusty flip-flops.



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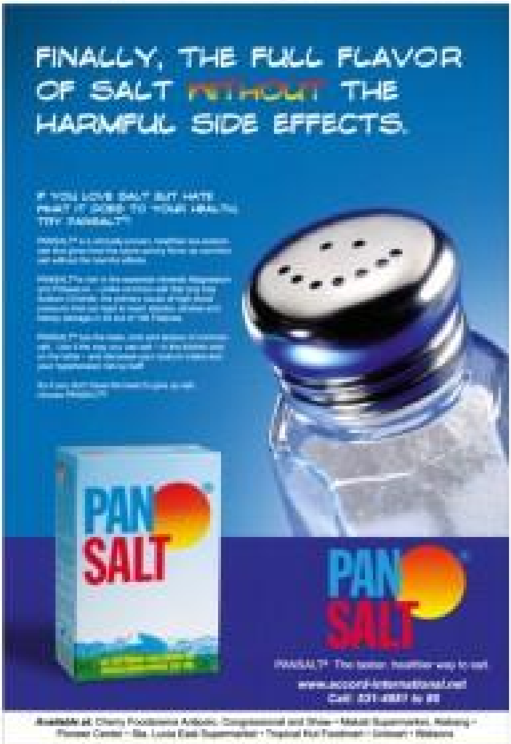


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Urbandub has conquered the local music scene with talent, hard work and lots of nerves

"WE'RE REALLY SORRY, [illegible]," Urbandub frontman Gabby Alipe said on the mic. It was 3 a.m. and bad luck had ruled their recent gig in Baguio; he had every reason to be apologetic.



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THE COMMON COLD

On the average, one out of 60 persons suffer from a cold. This means that in any one day, 1.3 million people will have a cold. No wonder it is called the common cold!









When I first participated in Unilever's cleanup drive, it was like seeing the fragile condition of our nation in the garbage that clung to the surface of this bay



HOWARD Belton (right), Unilever chair and CEO, ...

Reviving Manila Bay

By Stephanie Lim
Unilever HPC marketing



LIQUID HOPE. The cleanup is just one step in the quest to save Manila Bay.



UNILEVER managers in the cleanup campaign.

Entertainment

Julie Bonifacio-Veloso



SHERAD Anthony Sanchez directs "Balyan," about a tribe in Mindanao.





STARS OF THE SHOW. Dolphins and sea lions take center stage at the SM Mall of Asia.

Dolphin show starts today

TWO DOLPHINS AND TWO SEA LIONS flew in from Indonesia on Monday night to star in a series of shows that start today at a specially constructed venue in SM Mall of Asia.

Yes, they flew—in special bags or hammocks, it turns out (they're mammals; they can stay out of water for up to three days, we are told). Then they were transported straight to the Aquarium for just over a full day's "rest" before "The Wonderful World of Dolphins with the Sea Lions" commences.

The series goes on for 45 days (until Jan. 7, 2007) with five shows daily—11 a.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m., 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Some more dolphin facts:

1) They can swim and sleep at the same time. For eight hours, their entire brain is wide awake. Then the left and right hemispheres sleep for the next eight hours while the right stays up. Then the two sides switch. Thus, they stay alert for predators.

2) Bottle-nosed dolphins—such as the ones performing here this season—are the most common and famous specie of this intelligent cetacean. They are very energetic and and are never too shy to approach boats and swimmers.

3) Dolphins are very sociable animals and live in groups or pods of up to a dozen individuals. In areas where food is abundant, the pods combine to form huge superpods. They are known to "look after" pod mates who get injured.

4) They are equipped with sonar, which allows them to detect underwater sound even 15 miles away! They "talk" to each other with a variety of sounds like clicks, squeals, and whistles. They also use ultrasonic sound to find objects, a skill known as "echolocation."

5) They are capable of imitation and memorization and can remember specific tones better than humans!

The Aquarium, just a stone's throw away from the Mall of Asia, is 12 feet wide and 8 feet deep. The show promoters, Shows and Shakes, carry a permit from the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES).

Ticket prices are at P300 and P400. Call 551-4845, 415-2620 or (0915) 564-5293.

Cinema One: Singular sensations

By Rupert San Diego Jr.

"HULING BALYAN NG Buhi" romped away with the top four prizes at the second Cinema One Originals, the digital film festival sponsored by ABS-CBN's Filipino movie channel on cable.

Jury chair Bobbie Yan said Sequence Entertainment that the film, by newcomer Sherad Anthony Sanchez, is "a well-conceived symphony of sounds and images, pushing the language of cinema several new boundaries."

He described "Huling Balyan," the story of a tribal community in Mindanao, as "innovative."

Ronald M. Arguelles, programming director of Creative Programs Inc. (CPI), added that the film's cast of "unknown theater actors from Davao" won the Special Jury citation for Best Ensemble.

CPI operates and distributes Cinema One.

"The film fuses realistic and honest performances from the cast of true-life tribesmen and community workers and activists," said Arguelles.

Best Actress went to mainstream star Mylene Dizon, who delivered "a convincing portrayal, as a wedding planner who falls in love with the bride" in "Rome & Juliet." Her toughest competition was Meryll Soriano of "Bulakbol."

"But Mylene moved to the next level in her performance," Yan opined.

Best Actor was awarded to Mario Magallona of "Bulakbol" who, according to Yan, is "a competent actor who's a cold (supplier) to independent and digital productions. It's about time that he's awarded for his efforts."

Sanchez won both Best Director and Screenplay. "It's heartwarming that this festival gave the top awards to a regional filmmaker. Although he's among the youngest at 22, he has a very assured directorial style," Yan said.

He acknowledged that the "well-structured script of 'Huling Balyan' seemed tedious at first, but the stress is rewarded at the end, because the director succeeds in weaving these stories together."

Produced by CPI, "Huling Balyan" counts as co-producers Indios and Mohemy of Light and Vision Production, with the support of South Cotabato Gov. Manny Piñol and the Loyola Film Circle.

Neil Daza won Best Cinematography for his work on "Scroll," "which was highly stylized." "This year's batch boasts a marked improvement, technically and in terms of mastery of subject matter," Yan explained.

It is only this year that awards are given out, said Arguelles.

Yan commended the unlimited mandate for producing "polished" work.

"For example, 'Rome' looked glossy and could pass for a four Cinemas production," he pointed out.

Gerry Santos of "Rome" brought home the Best Production Design award.

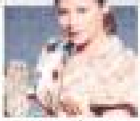
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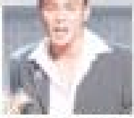
Special jury award for 'Kubrador' in Rome

DID YOU KNOW...

JEFFREY JETURIAN'S "KUBRADOR" WON a Special Mention/Jury award at the 7th Annual [illegible] held in Rome, Italy, over the weekend. Best Film went to Iran's "Mainline" and the Audience Award to Kanakhara's "The Island of Schirk." The Filipino film was cited by the Rome jury for its "extraordinary and cinematographic capacity of portraying a social situation through the suffering of one woman." The other Filipino film shown (out of competition) at the Rome event was Rito de Guzman's "Ang Daan Patungong Kalimugtong." "It's the eighth international honor for 'Kubrador' this year," says Joji Alonso, MLR Films executive producer.

Cinema One: Singular sensations





Roundup

Short film project

The Sundance Institute has announced that it is joining forces with the GSM Association, whose members serve more than two billion mobile phone customers across the globe, to create the "Sundance Film Festival: Global Short Film Project."

The groundbreaking pilot project will showcase and extend the reach of the independent short film genre to mobile users worldwide.

"Cell phones are fast becoming the 'fourth screen' medium, after television, cinema and computer," said Sundance Institute president and founder Robert Redford. "We feel this experiment fully embodies our [illegible] dedication to exploring new platforms to support wider distribution of independent voices in filmmaking."



Bunlap tribe

"Tribal Life Bunlap," which looks into the fascinating but mysterious world of the Bunlap people, will air every Monday at 8 p.m. starting Dec. 11 on Discovery Channel.

The six-part series follows the everyday life of the Bunlap tribespeople who have chosen to follow their centuries-old customs—wearing [illegible] and living in a small village with no modern power.

'Cinemalik'

[illegible] Galleria and [illegible] present "Cinemalik 8—Short [illegible] Films" screenings and discussions on Dec. 8 at 6:30 p.m.

"Cinemalik" will showcase short films done by Filipino filmmakers Raymond Red ("Anino"), [illegible]

The films range from drama, to comedy and suspense thrillers, including a music video.

Bipolar disorder

Tonight at 11 p.m., ABS-CBN's "Probe" delves deeper into the implications of bipolar disorder.

Reporter Pinky Webb sits down with a 28-year-old mother of two who has gone from a string of bad relationships to premarital pregnancy and pressure from school, until she hit rock-bottom and was diagnosed with bipolar disorder.

It also shares the heartwarming story of Dr. [illegible], who, after being prevented by an accident from ever walking again, treats [illegible]

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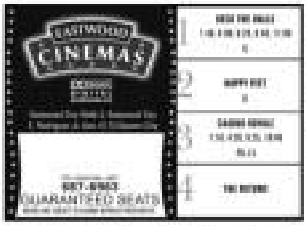
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NOW SHOWING

Pinky Amador stars in her first major show





WORLD-ACCLAIMED STAGE ACTRESS AND THEATER performer Pinky Amador stars in her first major solo concert, "You Love Me! You Really Love Me!" on Nov. 30 at the Teatrino Promenade, Greenhills. Guests are Michael Williams and Kris Lawrence.

The show's title was inspired by Hollywood actress Sally Field's memorable acceptance speech when she won her second Oscar Best Actress award in 1985 for "Places in The Heart."

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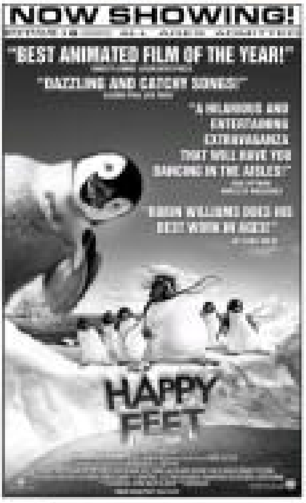


PINKY AMADOR

Streetdance

The best high school and college street dancers in the country will be proclaimed when the Afterbeat Street-dance Battle holds its finals night on Dec. 2 at the Araneta Coliseum.

The top teams in the high school division are Colegio de San Juan de Letran, Colegio de Sta. Rosa Makati, Hope Christian High School, Makati Hope Christian School, Manila Cathedral School, Miriam High School, Sacred Heart Academy, San Sebastian College Manila, School of Holy Spirit, St. Mark's Institute, St. Paul Pasig, Xavier School and Zamora ... Manila High School.









ENTERTAINMENT

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Inang Yaya



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Pitong Dalagita

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Mee-Shee: The Water Giant

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Elton John takes five-minute 'chunder'


CATHERINE HARDWICKE

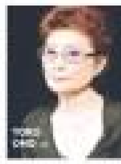
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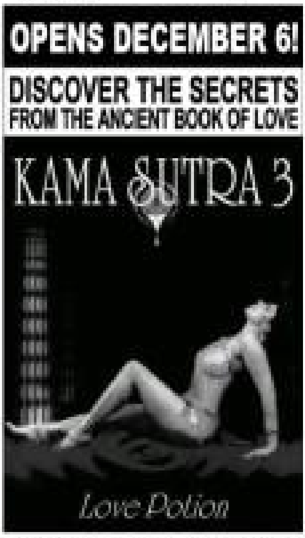
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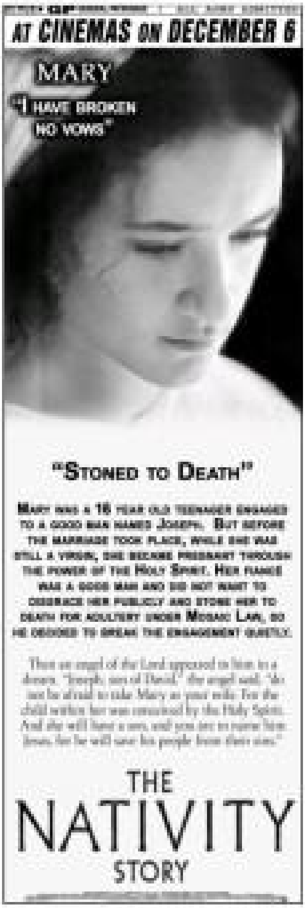
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Yoko's plea


YOKO ONO

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MARY
"I HAVE BROKEN NO VOWS"
"STONED TO DEATH"
MARY WAS A 16 YEAR OLD TEENAGER ENGAGED TO A GOOD MAN NAMED JOSEPH. BUT BEFORE THE MARRIAGE TOOK PLACE, WHILE SHE WAS STILL A VIRGIN, SHE BECAME PREGNANT THROUGH THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. HER FIANCE WAS A GOOD MAN AND DID NOT WANT TO DISGRACE HER PUBLICLY AND STONE HER TO DEATH FOR ADULTERY UNDER MOSAIC LAW, SO HE DECIDED TO BREAK THE ENGAGEMENT QUIETLY.
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"Highly recommended!"
"Pagkaganda-ganda!"
"Very inspiring!"
Those who have seen the film will agree: Inang Yaya is a must-see this year.
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"One of the best movies"
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"Highly recommended... one of the best movies this year. Very inspiring. May kurot sa puso."
"Pagkaganda-ganda po ng movie.
"... One of the very few films that depict a yaya, and the relationship between her and her ward and the rest of the family, with realism and complexity."
"... the entire family must see it."
The Cast of Inang Yaya
A Grade
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Opening Today

(from page F1)

of USA Today raves that [illegible] studio exec who walked out of a test screening that went poorly."

Deck the Halls

Stars Matthew Broderick, Danny DeVito, Kristin Davis, Jorge Garcia

Directed by John Whitesell

Competitive neighbors try to outdo each other in a small Massachusetts town [illegible] holiday décor. [illegible] of the Saint Paul Pioneer Press opines: "It's no classic, but it has its amusing moments and its tender ones ... 'Tis the season to be mildly amused." Brian Lowry of Variety points out that "It's a lifeless, workmanlike comedy conceived to provide holiday shoppers [illegible] from the mall." Sam Adams of the Los Angeles Times agrees: "Like a [illegible] string of Christmas lights, [it] promises holiday cheer but delivers only frustration. [illegible]"






"DECK THE HALLS"





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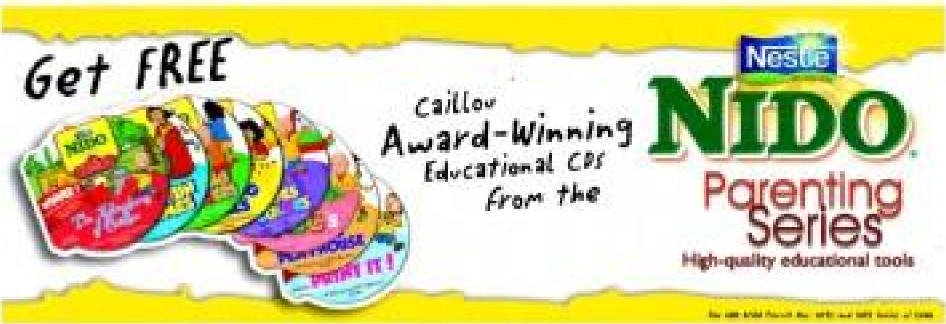
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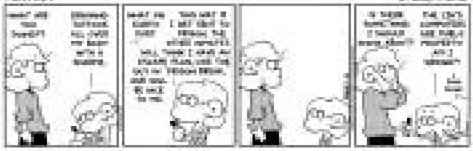
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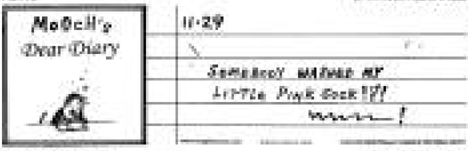
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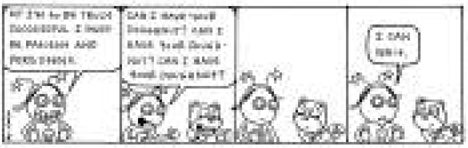


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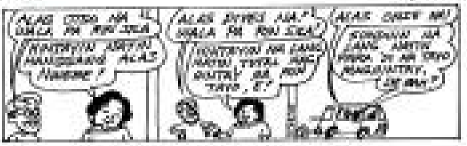
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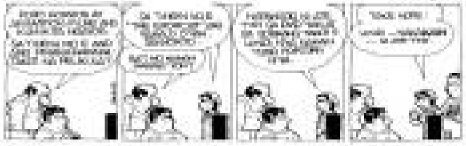




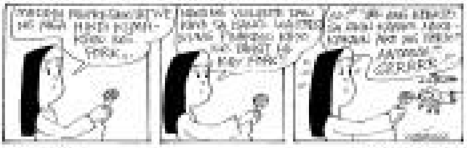




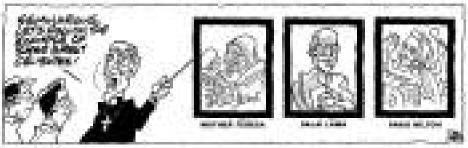


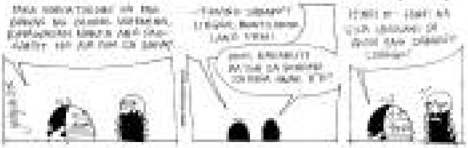


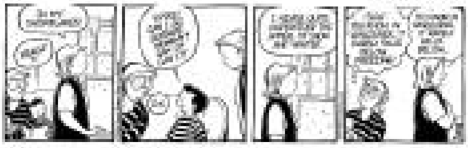
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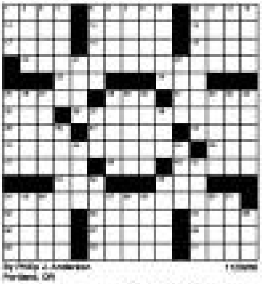
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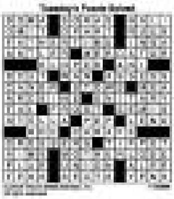




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Yesterday's Puzzle Solved



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Conceptis Sudoku — by Dave Green

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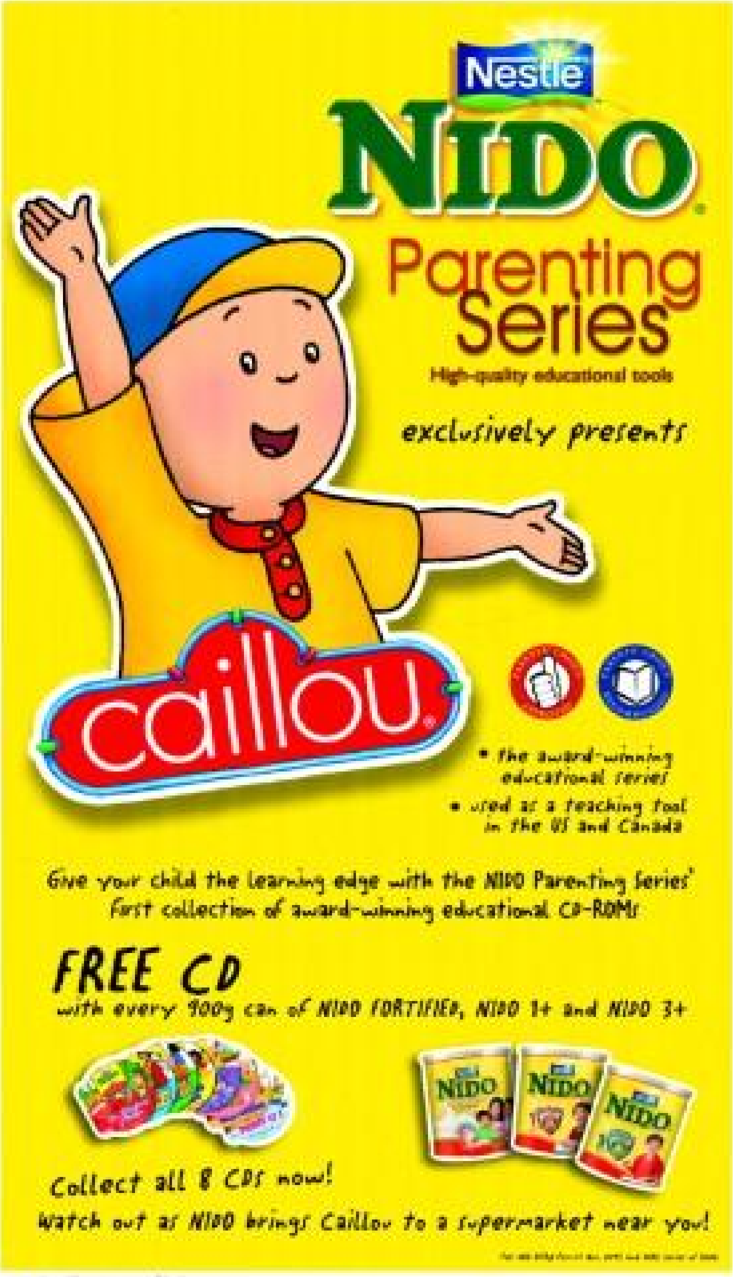
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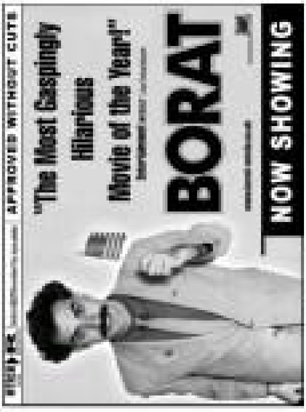
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Answer to previous puzzle

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